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SUBJECT: SITREP 13, 2000 LT, OCTOBER 10

1. ACTIVITY. CAIRO HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NORMAL THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SLIGHT INCREASE IN MILITARY VEHICLE ACTIVITY.

2. INTERNAL SECURITY. ON EVENING OF OCTOBER 9 BRIDGE GUARDS WERE REINFORCED. TODAY, GUARD STATUS HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL LOW LEVEL. THERE IS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN GUARD FORCE AROUND USINT.

3. MILITARY ACTIVITY; DEFENSE STATUS; ALERTS. 4:45 P.M. LOCAL TIME ALERT OCTOBER 9 WAS REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY TWO ISRAELI AIRCRAFT ENTERING CAIRO DEFENSE SECTOR. EYEWITNESSES SAW ONLY ONE PHANTOM, WHICH DROPPED ORDNANCE ON OUTSKIRTS OF MAADI SUBURB. TWO SAM'S WERE FIRED, WITH NO APPARENT
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EFFECT. STRANGELY, AIR RAID IN CAIRO AREA IS NOT

MENTIONED BY OCTOBER 10 EGYPTIAN PRESS. OCTOBER 9 EVENING BLACKOUT REMAINED ABOUT 75 PERCENT EFFECTIVE. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED MORE REPORTS OF WOUNDED RETURNING TO CAIRO FROM FRONT LINES. ONE CAIRO HOTEL HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO MILITARY HOSPITAL, AND SEVERAL OTHERS WILL REPORTEDLY ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR WOUNDED.

4. EYEWITNESSES HAVE REPORTED SEEING DEPARTURE OF SEVEN 40- PLACE BUSES CARRYING MORE SOVIET DEPENDENTS OUT OF CAIRO. (EMBASSY DEPENDENTS?)

5. MEDIA PLAY. OCTOBER 10 PRESS SHOWS MANY PICTURES OF ISRAELI POW'S. INFORMATION POLICY CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF MAINTAINING CAREFUL ORCHESTRATION OF NEWS TO (A) REFLECT AS MUCH ACCURATE INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE; AND (B) TO MAINTAIN EXCITEMENT AT LOW LEVEL. MEDIA HAS REPORTED PAST EVENTS BUT DO NOT ANTICIPATE FUTURE VICTORIES.

6. FOCUS ON US. US IS NOT FOCUS OF CRITICISM AND, FOR MOST PART, REMAINS OUT OF THE NEWS. EVEN GUMHURIYYA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AROUND. GUMHURIYYA COLUMNIST, ASKED TO COMMENT ON US POSITION REGARDING CEASEFIRE/WITHDRAWAL PROPOSAL, MERELY REPLIED AS TO WHAT EGYPTIAN POSITION WAS WITHOUT ATTACKING US.

7. WELFARE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. SOME FEW TOURISTS HAVE BEGUN TO DEPART F CAIRO FOR ALEXANDRIA WHERE THEY ARE TO BE TAKEN OUT BY SHIP TOMORROW. MOST, INCLUDING ABOUT 400 AMERICAN, ARE SCHEDULED TO BE PROCESSED TOMORROW FOR DEPARTURE BY BUS TO BENGHAZI, GOE MINISTRY OF TOURISM IS MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS AND APPARENTLY WANTS TO REMOVE TOURISTS FROM EGYPT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN ORGANIZED MANNER. AMERICAN RESIDENTS HAVE BECOME MORE UNEASY SINCE AIR ATTACK DESCRIBED PARA 3, AND A FEW MAY TRY TO DEPART WITH TOURISTS BOUND FOR BENGHAZI. CAIRO AMERICAN COLLEGE LOCATED IN MAADI HAS

BEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

8. PUBLIC ATTITUDE. THIS IS STILL MIXED, BUT BECOMING INCREASINGLY OPTIMISTIC. EDUCATED EGYPTIANS CONTINUE TO

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EXPRESS RESERVED UNBELIEF THAT EGYPTIAN FORCES HAVE DONE SO WELL. MANY FEEL THAT EGYPT HAS, AT A MINIMUM, PROVED ITS POINT, BUT WANT TO SEE IT COMPLETE THE JOB. PUBLIC SKEPTICISM OF MILITARY COMMUNIQUES IS BEGINNING TO DISAPPEAR, AND MANY PEOPLE FEEL THAT THEY ARE BEING TOLD THE TRUTH-- OR AT LEAST NOT BEING TOLD DIRECT LIES. EGYPTIANS MORE CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH MILITARY SITUATION SAY THEY BELIEVE GOVERNMENT IS, IF ANYTHING, UNDERPLAYING VICTORIES RATHER

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